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Dear CNL Cyberspace Patrons (and Friends):

CNL NEWS:

CNL-101 is now in the mail. And - - so far - - there have been NO suggestions regarding the Walter Breen photograph that appeared earlier in CNL-100 - - so, once again, here is our question:

Of special interest in CNL-100 is an early photograph of Walter H. Breen for which we have been unable to determine a date. The photo appears on page 1521. Ye Editor scanned the photo into the CNL computer and blew it up to about 3x lifesize, greyscale. Walter is wearing a badge of somesort that is almost totally obscured by his left hand.

What can be seen is: NUM(? ? ?)
 S(? ? ?)
 CLEVEL(? ? ?)
 July (? ? ?)
 19 (?)

or, perhaps - ? -
 NUM(ISMATIC)
 S(HOW)
 CLEVEL(AND, OHIO)
 July (-?-)
 19(??)

Can anyone out there accurately fill in the blanks?
Someone must be able to figure this out!

ANS NEWS

From: "William E. Metcalf" (metcalf@amnumsoc.org)

ANS ENHANCES E-MAIL CAPABILITY

The American Numismatic Society has now enhanced its E-mail capability. ALL staff members now have addresses for inquiries and correspondence. Please be sure to include your full name, e-mail address, and USPS address in all communications.

Please do **not** try to transmit images at this time.

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BIBLIONUMIS-L NEWS

Numismatic Periodicals Master Index /The Harry W. Bass, Jr. Research Foundation.
(An edited/abstract from The American Numismatic Society Newsletter; September
1995, No. 67)

As our CNL Cyberspace Patrons know, computers are serving to simplify the
process of locating relevant numismatic research information. The Harry W.
Bass, Jr. Research Foundation of Dallas, TX, is currently working on the
creation of a "Master" computerized numismatic publication index, covering -
initially - Subject, Title, and Author information derived from the available
indexes of all American Numismatic Society (ANS) publications.

ANS periodicals being addressed are "American Journal of Numismatics," First
Series (1866-1924); "ANS Museum Notes" (1945-1988); "American Journal of
Numismatics," Second Series (1989-); and "Numismatic Literature" (1947-). ANS
book series being analyzed include "Numismatic Notes and Monographs" (1920-);
"Numismatic Studies" (1938-); "Hispanic Numismatic Series" (1950-); and the
"Coinage of the Americas Conference Proceedings" volumes (1984-).

This master index will be in plain ASCII text form searchable with word
processing software . Suggested text search software for use with a PC (DOS)
will be distributed with the indexes. The Harry W. Bass, Jr. Research
Foundation plans to make it available for downloading from the Internet at no
cost from several sites. In addition, it will be made available to shareware
distribution sites on the Internet and public Bulletin Boards. Computer user
groups may make it available on diskette to those not presently on the Internet
for no more than the cost of distribution.

Index citations are in a simple format with each new line being a single complete numismatic periodical reference record consisting of periodical name, article title, author (if available), volume number and year, page number, usually a category (keyword), and whether it contains illustrations/plates. The information is divided into "fields" by back slashes so that the indexes can be imported into a database.

The search software that comes with the indexes simply searches the index files for the word or words which are selected, segregating the "hits" so that they may be referenced on screen or captured into a file for subsequent perusal or printing. Boolean options AND, OR and NOT may be used to refine the search and reduce the number of "hits". Once the search results are known, one still must locate the specific documents, but the knowledge of what numismatic work has already been accomplished will be of benefit, both to those doing serious research as well as the casual browser who wants to learn more about a particular numismatic subject.

It is anticipated that the initial issue of the Numismatic Periodicals Master Index will be available in the near future. While the scope of this first index group is limited to ANS publications, permissions are being sought to use the copyrighted indexes of other numismatic publications. Subsequent iterations will include these additional indexes.

The Bass Research Foundation, created by Harry W. Bass, Jr. of Dallas in 1991, is committed to advancing numismatic research around the world, and believes that the creation of these numismatic indexes will make a lasting contribution to this field of study.

Questions concerning the index project may be addressed to the Harry Bass Research Foundation, care of Harry W. Bass (harrybass@delphi.com).

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HARRY W. BASS, JR. RESEARCH FOUNDATION
RELEASES Numismatic Indexes Project (NIP) ELECTRONIC INDEXES

The Harry W. Bass, Jr. Research Foundation (HBRF) announced Feb. 8, 1996 that a new and unique tool is NOW available to today's numismatic researcher or student making information on the best of past research readily available. The Foundation (HBRF) has released a set of indexes for several of the major numismatic periodicals of the last 110 years, which are electronically searchable on a computer. This endeavor is called "NIP" for the "Numismatic Indexes Project". Now, for the first time ever, it is possible to determine in seconds what scholarship of the past century has produced on all manner of numismatic fields of inquiry.

Before the computer, such a search was next to impossible without access to a numismatic library card catalog - requiring the scanning of thousands of entries in periodical indexes for relevant information on any very specific numismatic question. Now with this set of indexes and a good search program, the answers are immediate. Full text of the found articles still must be obtained, but knowing which articles to seek out is half the battle in locating relevant material.

Insofar as the information was available, each NIP entry is a complete reference - carrying the author, title, subject, periodical name, month and year, page number, and whether it is illustrated. The eleven different indexes comprising the current NIP can be searched as 'one', or separately, because they are all entered into a simple ASCII format, with each line representing a unique reference. This simple text format permits access by persons having different computer operating systems. Thus, whether your computer is a PC, MAC, OS/2, or UNIX system, the data is just as available; only the search engine choice would change.

The indexes cover a wide range of numismatic scholarship over many decades. From the American Numismatic Society they include:

- 1) American Journal of Numismatics, First Series 1866-1924
- 2) Museum Notes 1945-1988
- 3) American Journal of Numismatics, Second Series 1989-Current
- 4) Coinage of the Americas Conference (COAC) 1984-1995
- 5) Numismatic Notes and Monographs 1921-1968
- 6) ANS Proceedings 1878-1914

In addition to those above, five other periodicals are included in NIP:

- 7) The Numismatist, 1888-1995, from the American Numismatic Association
- 8) Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine, 1935-1975, from COIN WORLD
- 9) Numismatic Review, 1943-1947, produced by Stack's (Numismatists)
- 10) Coin Collector's Journal, 1875-1888, by Scott Stamp and Coin Co.
- 11) Coin Collector's Journal - New Series, 1934-1954, Wayte Raymond

Other numismatic publications are invited to request inclusion of their indexes in the NIP project, making the total index even more comprehensive and useful to numismatists everywhere. Copyright use permission has been granted for all the materials currently included.

The NIP indexes are currently available in zipped form for download from two FTP Internet sites. There are no charges involved.

For information as to obtaining NIP, subscribe (no charge) via E-Mail to the mail discussion group NumIndex-L by sending to:

LISTSERV@NETCOM.COM

this one line message (no signature lines):

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

You can also access the NIP database via the WWW at the following site:

<http://zow00.desy.de:8000/~chlebana/coins/NIP/nip.html>

From this page you can select the journal to search and enter your search string. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

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CompuServe (CIS) COLLECTIBLES NEWS - from Bijan Anvar
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I would first like to let everyone know that I have resigned as Section Leader from CIS. I will remain as C4 Rep., and will still host the C4

conferences, but Bruce Hickmott (75230.1375@compuserve.com) will host the others. I have given the Section Leader (SL) title to Bruce, and he will be picking a new assistant. Here is our 1996 CIS meeting schedule:

Our General Coins meeting meets:
every Monday at 10pm EST; conference room 4

C4 Meetings are:
every first Tuesday of each month at 9pm EST conference room 4.

EAC meetings are:
every second Thursday of each month, also at 9pm EST in conference room 4.

WWW PAGES:

While back issues of CNL ONLINE are available in the CompuServe Collectibles Library (search for keyword CNL) they can also be located by non-CompuServe folk on the Web at:

<http://www.rtis.com/nat/user/coins/Writings/CNL/cnl-01.htm>

For issues beyond No.1 substitute /cnl-02.htm and etc.

AND - A new "Numismatics Online" has just recently appeared on the Web. Their URL is:

<http://www.numismatists.com> Check it out.

C4 NEWS: Nothing to report. No one has sent us material for inclusion in CNL ONLINE. Let us hear from you! The CNL e-mail address is
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